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House Leaders Announce 2006 Sales Tax Holiday Week
-- Propose largest single tax cut in Florida history --

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Representative Joe Negron, joined by House Speaker Allan Bense, Majority Leader Andy Gardiner and others, today announced the filing of House Bill 691 that would establish a one-week sales tax holiday on virtually all taxable items.

“I hope this bill sends the message that we understand and appreciate how hard people work to provide for their families,” said Rep. Negron, sponsor of the bill and Chairman of the House Fiscal Council. “Thanks to their hard work, we have the money we need to address the state’s priorities, so it’s time to return some of it to the people of Florida.”

“When times are good, everyone deserves to benefit,” said Speaker Bense. “I am proud of Joe Negron for bringing forward an idea that will let people keep more of their hard-earned money as well as provide a spark to keep Florida’s economy strong and growing stronger.”

“I commend Chairman Negron for fashioning a tax holiday that will be far-reaching and meaningful to Florida’s taxpayers,” said Leader Gardiner. “I am a Reagan Republican who believes that sound tax policy is rooted in reducing the tax burden. When the tax burden is reduced, Floridians are the beneficiaries.”

The sales tax exemption, with an estimated fiscal impact of approximately \$500 million, would apply to the sales price of anything purchased by an individual for personal use and would include such items as clothing, furniture, televisions, electronic equipment, computers, vehicles and numerous other items. There would be a \$5,000 cap per item.

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